

**Northampton County Chorus Festival** **2018**

Jennifer Volpato, Host

Freedom High School

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Dear County Chorus member:

Congratulations to you on being selected to sing with the 2018 Northampton County Chorus!  We are looking forward to welcoming you to Freedom  High School and are preparing to provide an exciting and rewarding experience.  The festival will be taking place on Saturday, January 13th and Friday, January 19th with snow date on Monday, January 22nd.

The schedule for the festival will be as follows:

           Rehearsal 1 – Saturday, January 13:

  rehearsal begins at 8:15 AM – 3:30 PM

  (Please arrive by  8:00 AM)

Rehearsal 2/Concert – Friday, January 19th:

rehearsal begins at 8:15 AM

(Please arrive by 8:00 AM)

4:00 PM Break for dinner

Concert begins at 7:00 PM

Snow Date:  Monday, January 22nd

The address/location information for Freedom High School to plug in to your gps for travel to Freedom High School for the festival is:

3149 Chester Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18020

All student drivers should park in the parking lot at the front of the building. On Jan 19th, since it is a school day please park in the back 4-5 rows of that lot closest to East Hills Middle School

**Additional Details:**

Don’t forget to bring your music in a folder with your name and school on it, an extra pencil, and a water bottle for the day.

General Expectations and Guidelines:

The use of cell phones and electronic devices are limited to breaks and may only be in use when we are not in rehearsal.

Please wear school appropriate clothing.  Remember, you will be rehearsing for many hours so dress appropriately. Please bring a sweater or sweatshirt that can be added or removed based upon temperature, our school tends to be very cold at this time of year. Please refer to the dress guidelines below.

1. Due to the popularity of low riding jeans, both males and females must ensure that no skin be exposed between the shirt top and pants.  Jeans and pants must be worn on the hips at all times.
2. Shirts or tops should not be excessively revealing.
3. Do not wear jewelry or garments that could cause injury to you or others.  This includes long chains and studded apparel.
4. Skirts or shorts should be at mid-thigh or longer.
5. Do not wear clothing with holes or tears that are considered unnecessarily revealing.
6. Spandex-type material should not be worn without an outer layer.
7. Any type of head covering including hoods, hats, bandanas, and sweatbands are not permitted.  This applies to both men and women.  Exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons.
8. No clothing with dual meaning words, profanity, alcohol or drug related advertising or labels.
9. No undergarments should be exposed when standing or sitting.  This includes all male and female undergarments.
10. No sleeveless tops or tank tops may be worn unless a T-shirt or other shirt is worn over the sleeveless top.  This applies to both men and women.
11. Attire should not cause undue disturbance in the building.  Any attire deemed distracting to the educational environment may be considered improper.
12. Street shoes must be worn.

Concert dress:

* Men: white dress shirt, necktie, black dress pants, dark socks with dress

                      shoes

* Women: black calf to ankle length skirts, white blouse, sleeves covering the

                      shoulders (no spaghetti straps), closed-toe dress shoes, black nylons

Recording and Photograph:

A recording will be made of the concert and a picture will be taken of the choir before the concert.  All students will receive a complimentary CD.  The picture will be available for purchase in the lobby of the auditorium before and after the concert.

Concert Tickets:

Tickets for the concert will be $5 and may be purchased in the front lobby of the school prior to the concert.

Food:

Lunch will be provided on both days of the festival and dinner will provided on January 19th. Please consider packing a lunch if you have any food allergies or are a picky eater; there is a vegetarian option already available for all three meals.

Should you need to contact me regarding anything including inclement weather for any day of the festival, please use the following sources:

Cell Phone: 570-460-3935

School Web Site: <https://www.beth.k12.pa.us/>

FHS Choir Website

under the County Chorus Tab: https://fhschoir.wikispaces.com/

We are looking forward to meeting each of you, and anticipate an exciting and rewarding festival!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Volpato

Host Director; Director of Vocal Music

Freedom High School